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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir.

" (*c*) It is done in the interest of the medical institutions in the districts concerned."

Transaction of business by panchayat boards in the regional language.

* 1139 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representations from any panchayat boards and if so, which, that they must be allowed to transact their business and correspondence up to district level in the regional language?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The North Malabar panchayats conference held at Tellicherry on 29th November 1953 passed, among others, a resolution requesting the Government that the panchayats in the Malabar and South Kanara districts in whose area the spoken language is Malayalam might be permitted to maintain all correspondence in Malayalam."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know what Government have done on that representation? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Under the rules issued under the Madras Village Panchayat Courts Act, 1950, the proceedings of the panchayat may be in English or in the chief language of the village. However, the correspondence with higher authorities is done in English only."

Relaying of the dismantled railway lines in Salem district.

* 1140 *Q.*—SRI D. KRISHNAMURTHY GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government have made any representations to the Government of India to relay the dismantled railway lines in Salem district;

(*b*) if so, when it was made and what the representations were; and

(*c*) what reply has been received from the Government of India?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) Ever since the dismantlement of the Morappur-Hosur and Tiruppattur-Krishnagiri lines in 1941, the State Government have been urging the Central Government to restore and convert the lines to metre gauge. The linking of Salem and Bangalore by metre gauge via Dharmapuri and Hosur or also